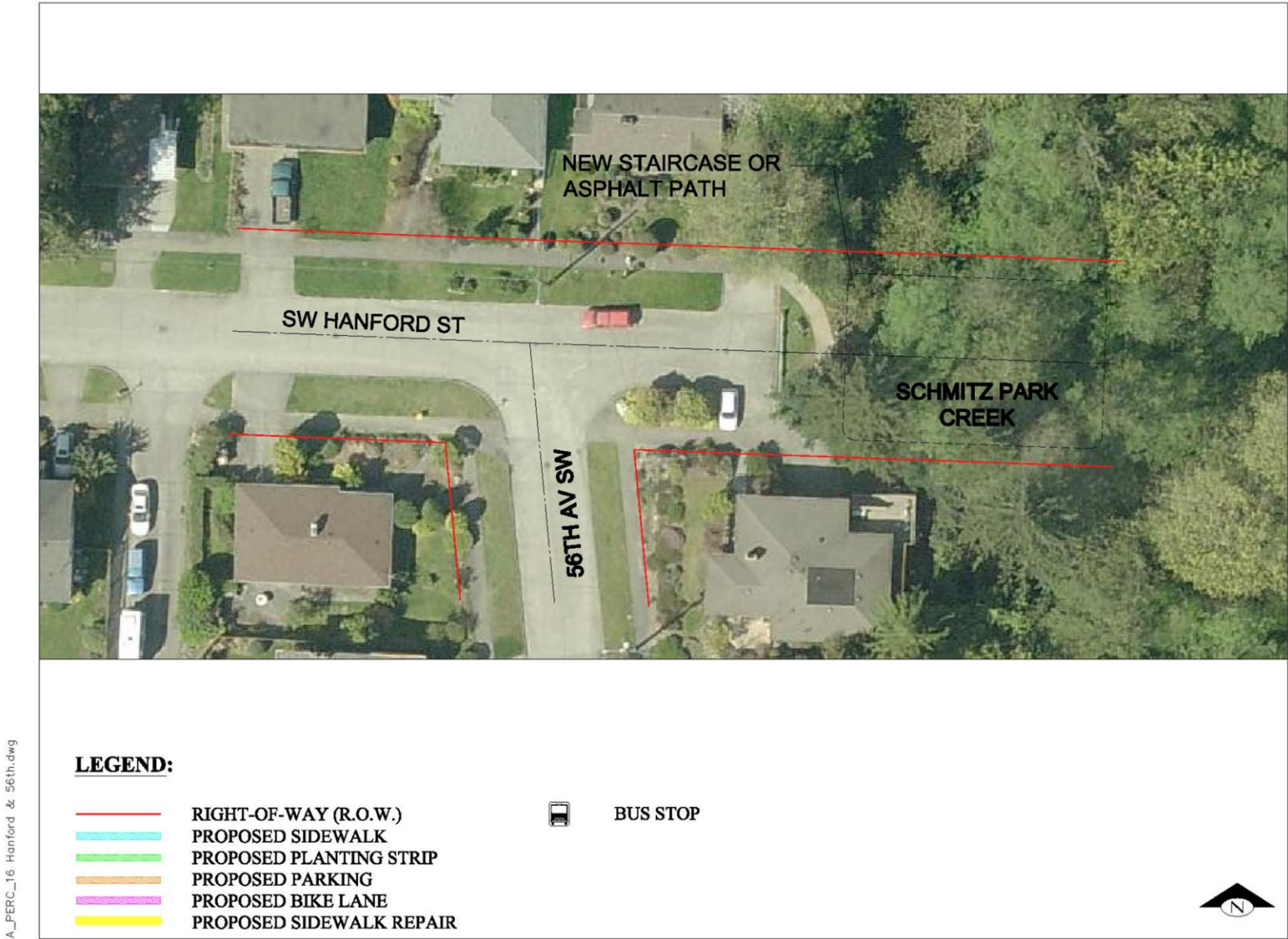


APPLICANT PROBLEM

There is a social trail into Schmitz park that many people and children use, and have used for many years. It has become increasingly dangerous over the past couple years. It is the only entrance on the West side of this 55 acre park. The initial 15 ft of this trail is SDOT the next 60ft is currently my property (it would be easily possible to redirect the path a couple of feet to keep it on SDOT) The park of course is at the bottom of this trail. We have already met with Parks (Cheryl Fraser) DOT (John Bushwell) and with Emma Moreno of DON.

APPLICANT SOLUTION

None





## SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SDOT) REVIEW

Option 1 - Remove and replace the existing stairs with a new staircase that stays within SDOT right-of-way.

Option 2 - Build a switchback five foot asphalt path from the start of the existing staircase down to the park. Two six foot retaining walls would be required for the path construction, but a stairway would not be required. This would provide ADA access to the park.

### Constructability

- The area is a heavily vegetated steep slope.
- It will be difficult for large machinery to access the area, driving up construction costs.

### Community Issues

- Coordination with Seattle Parks will be needed to tie this new trail on SDOT right-of-way to an existing Parks trail within Schmitz Park.
- Outreach with adjacent property owner will be necessary since the existing wall is partially located on private property.

### Benefits

- Improves pedestrian safety by reconstructing an existing steep and narrow trail.
- Improves pedestrian access to Schmitz Park.
- Reduces barrier to pedestrian travel by moving the existing trail off private property onto City right-of-way.



Existing trail to existing steps



Existing steps and wall